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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1026 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Eradicating Food Insecurity in the Hazleton Area in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Hazleton Integration Project, Inc., located at 225 East 4th St., Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201. The funding would be used for the Hazleton Integration Project (HIP), which will utilize a STEAM-based education model to eradicate food insecurity in the Greater Hazleton Area. Age specific STEAM labs will maximize innovative approaches to problem solving and serve as centerpieces to drive and sustain this effort for years to come. Student-led committees will research root causes of food insecurity and drive solutions by incorporating community gardening, logistics, marketing, communication, legislation, and the food supply chain. Additional emphasis will focus on the impact of food insecurity and poverty on mental health. Hundreds of our areas economically disadvantaged high schoolers will be mentored throughout by university students. The project strives to embolden and equip area youth with tools to face the challenges of an increasingly complex, technologically driven world. The initiative has received 11 endorsements from elected officials, business groups, social service organizations, and three universities.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Matt Cartwright
Member of Congress